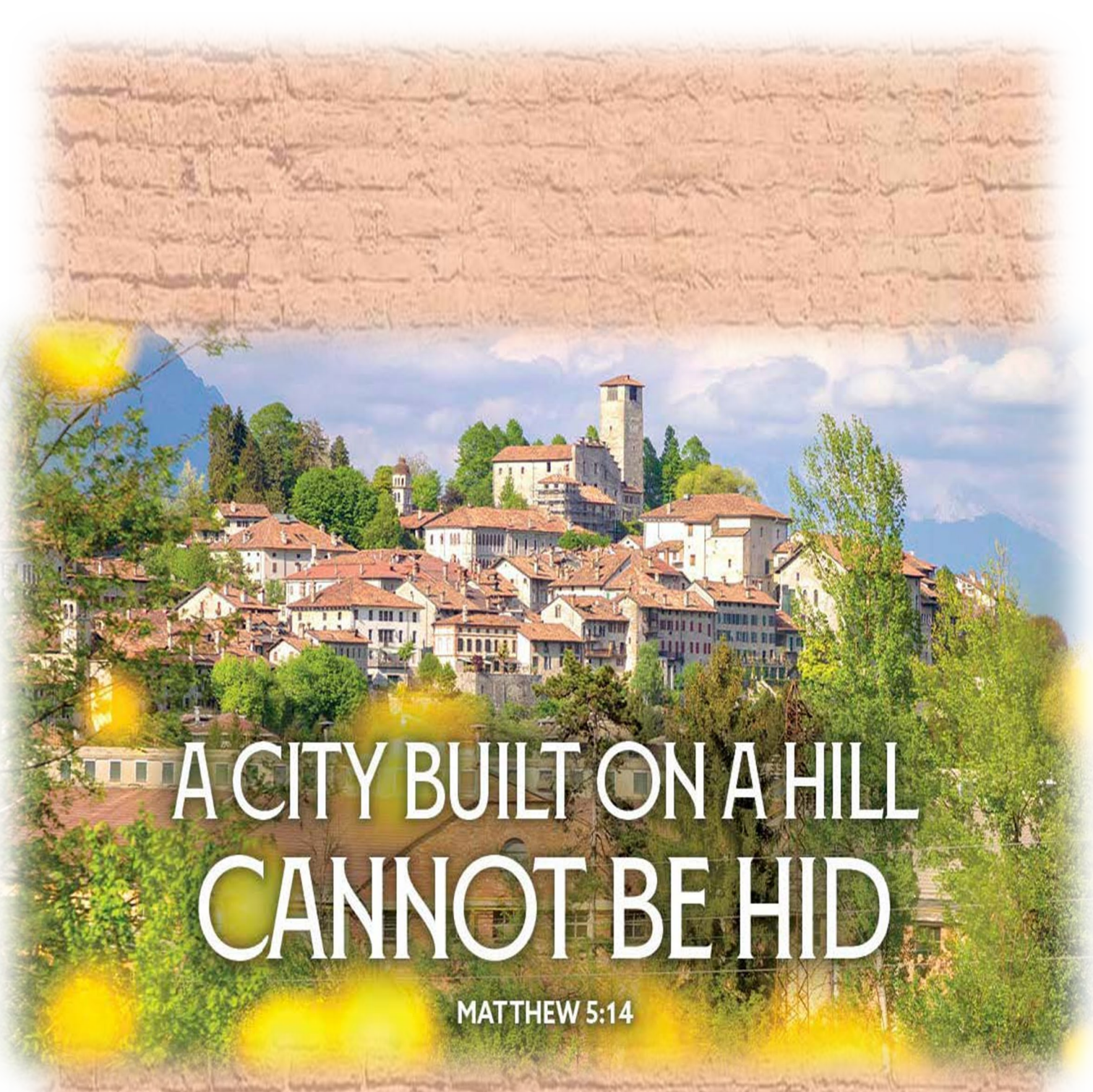


Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
February 8, 2026 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday
New Member Sunday

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

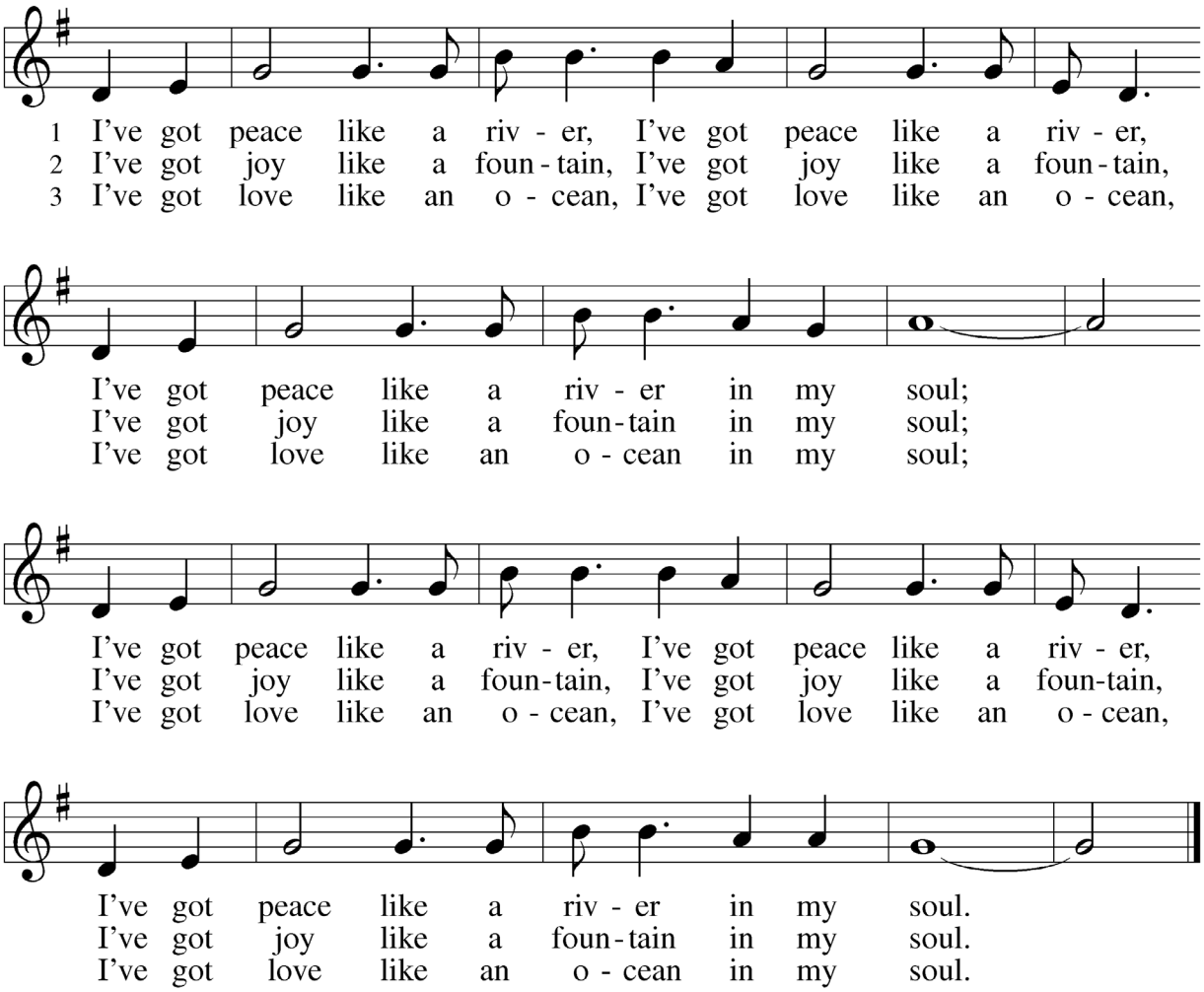
C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✢ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN TFF 258

"I've Got Peace Like a River"



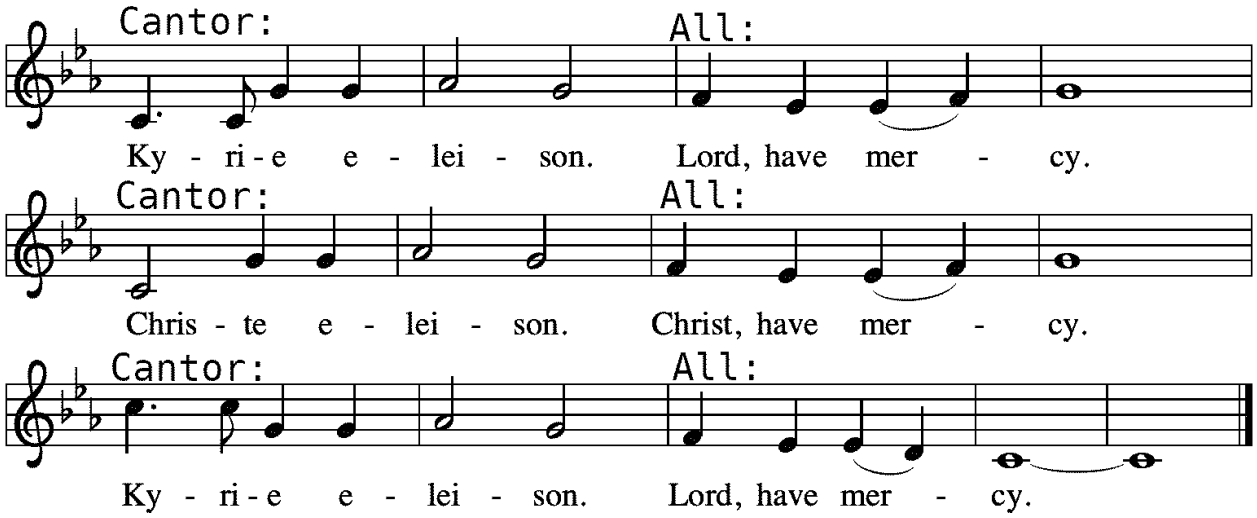
Text: traditional
Music: PEACE LIKE A RIVER, African American spiritual

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

A: A reading from Isaiah.

[1] Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
[2] Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

[3] "Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.
[4] You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
[5] Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
[6] Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the
straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
[7] Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked,
to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
[8] Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
[9a] Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
[9b] If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
[10] if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
[11] The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water whose waters never fail.
[12] Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 112:1-10

[1] Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
[2] **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
[3] Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
[4] **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
[5] It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
[6] **For they will never be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
[7] They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
[8] **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
[9] They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
[10] **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;**
the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

A: A reading from First Corinthians.

[1] When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. [2] For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. [3] And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. [4] My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5] so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

[6] Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this
age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. [7] But we speak God's
wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory [8] and
which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not
have crucified the Lord of glory. [9] But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

[10] God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even
the depths of God. [11] For what human knows what is truly human except the
human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's
except the Spirit of God. [12] Now we have received not the spirit of the world but
the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by
God. [13] And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but
taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

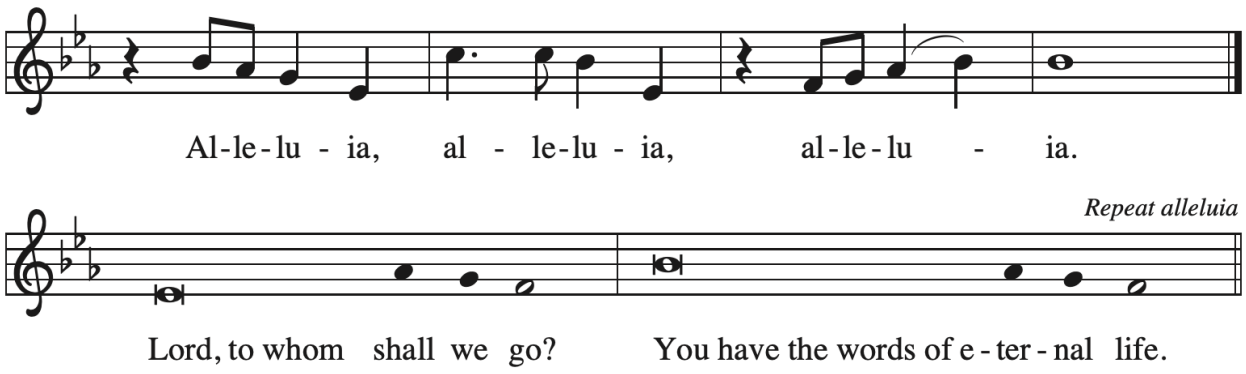
[14] Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are
foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are
spiritually discerned. [15] Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are
themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

[16] "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL – Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 641

"All Are Welcome"

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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PRESENTATION

Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation.

I present *name/s*, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

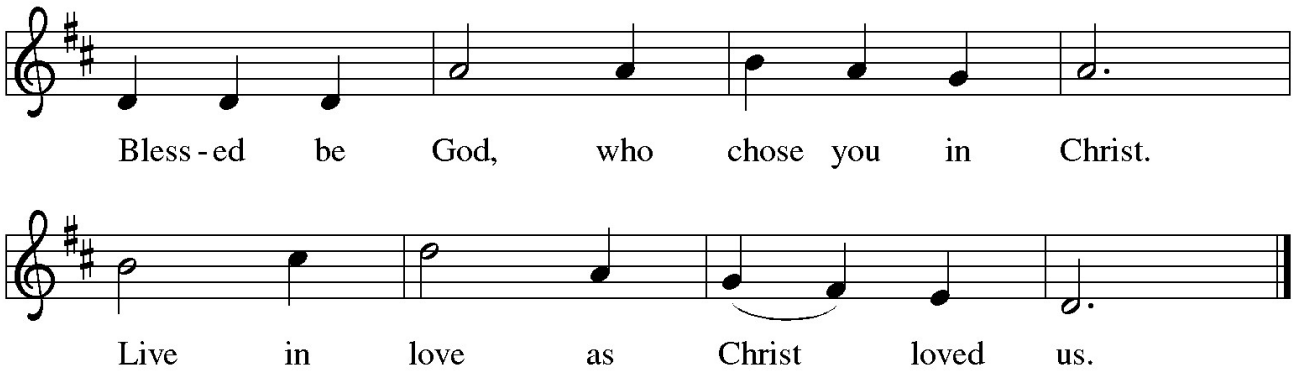
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving especially John, Bob, Diane, Gary, John, Cora, Ken, Lew, Richard, Ed, Craig, and the friends and family of Bill, and of Jerry. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our pastor, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

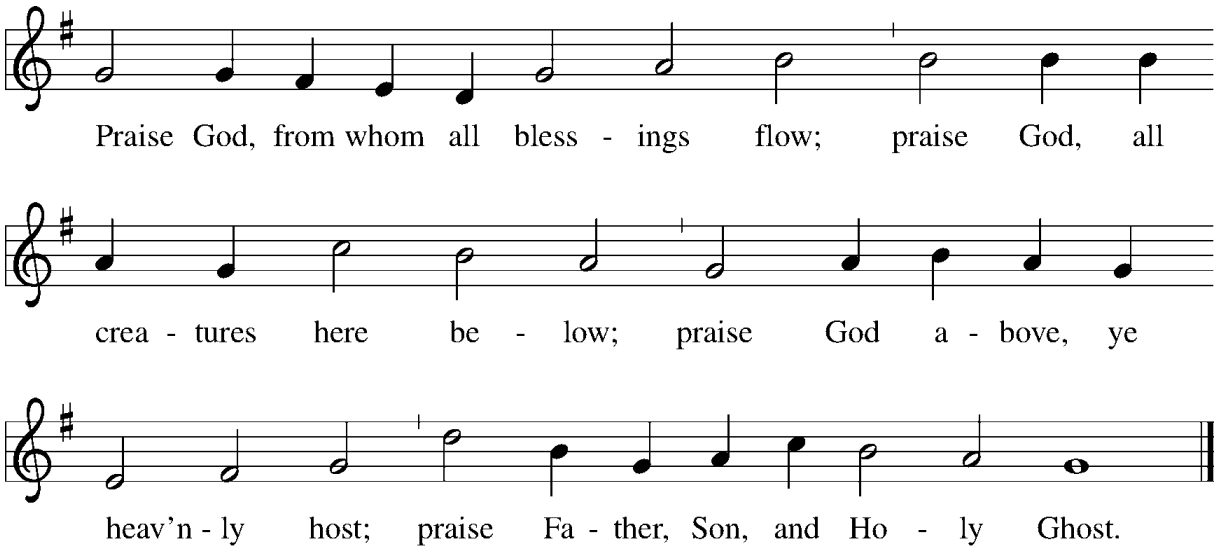
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a baby, humbly born, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath, human as we are, in need of human love. Yet kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

This Word of God made flesh and full of grace was sent to deliver us from our sin, from the power of evil and the fear of death. As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen Anointed One is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days. And so, rejoicing in all God has done for us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

P: Holy God, as you visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these creatures of bread and wine, making them for us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth, as we remember how Jesus took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took a cup of wine and blessed and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and for ever. Amen.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

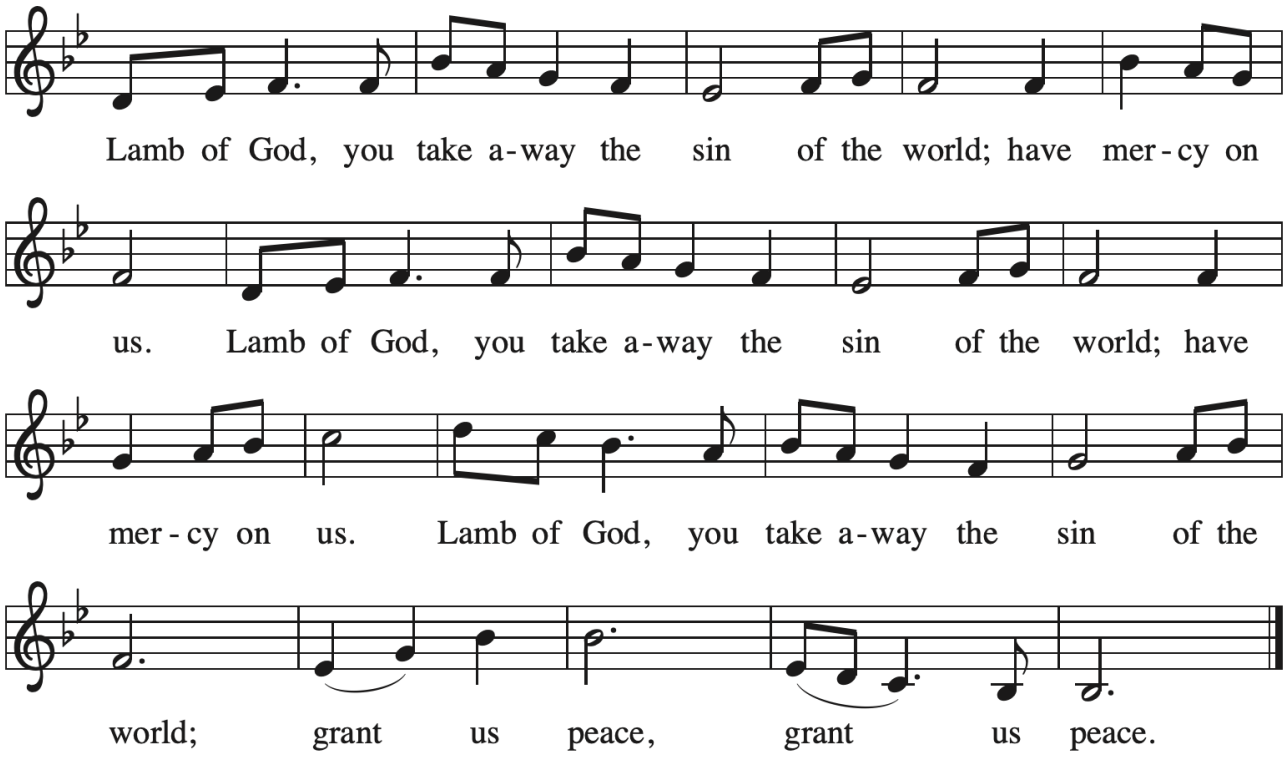
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD CANTICLE



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *"Come by Here"*

KUM BA YAH / Come By Here (Adapted 2026)

"Kum ba yah" is an African-American spiritual of disputed origin, known to have been sung in the Gullah culture of the islands off South Carolina and Georgia, with ties to enslaved Central Africans. Originally an appeal to God to come to the aid of those in need, the song is thought to have spread from the islands to other Southern states and the North, as well as to other places outside the United States. The earliest known recording was 1926. (Source: Wikipedia 2026-02-06)

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah
Oh, Lord, Kum ba yah

Verses simile...
Someone's praying, Lord, come by here...

Someone's crying

Someone's hungry

Someone's hiding

Someone's struggling

Someone's hurting

Someone's healing

Someone's hoping

Someone's loving

Final...
Oh, Lord, come by here,
Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

A: Let us pray.

C: Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✢ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN - *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *"Campfire Medley"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

2026 Altar Flower Sign-up
The 2026 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox. Thank you!

Annual Meeting & Potluck - Sunday, February 15, 2026
The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, February 15th, following the worship service. There will be a potluck luncheon right after the meeting. Please bring a dish to share! **Chicken will be provided by the Council.** Please come out for some fellowship and help plan Emmanuel's future!

The Annual Report for 2025 will be emailed to members. There will also be printed copies in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 1.

Members who are confirmed, who contribute recorded financial gifts each year (loose plate offerings are not recorded), and who commune at least once per year (3 C's - confirmed, contribute, and commune) are welcome to vote. If you do not meet the criteria of the 3 C's, you are welcome to attend but not to cast a vote on the issues presented. If you have any questions about the annual meeting please see Peter Walline, Council President.

Scouts Pancake Supper
5:30pm – 7:00pm in the basement of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. You can purchase tickets in advance through PayPal or purchase them at the door.

Ash Wednesday
Quilting will NOT meet this day!
Schedule of events are:
7:30am – 10:30am Drive/Walk-up Ashes to Go

7:30 Drive-up Ashes to Go at St. Luke's Episcopal – 120 N. Huron St.

12pm Ash Wednesday Service

12pm Ash Wednesday Service at St. Luke's Episcopal – 120 N. Huron St.

1:00pm – 3:00pm Drive/Walk-up Ashes to Go

7:00pm Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service with Communion

Hands Only CPR and AED review
Sunday February 22, 11:30am, in the lounge. The class will last at least an hour. If you require certification for CPR this class is NOT for you. Hands Only CPR is for laypeople, for those age 10 and up! Did you know that Emmanuel has an AED? Come find out how the AED works and practice Hands Only CPR!
Questions? Contact Karen Facer 734-323-7925

Clothes Closet Needs
The Clothes Closet has a great need for mens warm winter gloves! If you can help out and have donations and cannot bring them in the morning of clothes closet, please use the bin in the green curtained area located in the Gathering area to leave any donations. Thank you.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday/New Member Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm

Tuesday, February 10

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 11

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, February 12

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:00pm
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, February 13

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, February 14 – Happy Valentine's Day!

- Washtenaw Refugee Welcome 10:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday, February 15 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK**

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of all the new members we are receiving into the family of God at Emmanuel. We rejoice with you and are excited to have you among us! Welcome!
Given by Dennis and Monica Doerr

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Bob, Cora, John, Ed, Craig, and the friends and family of Bill, and of Jerry.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office, Or through sign-up genius. Click here or Scan QR code

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Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
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